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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: L Sand, Reservoir A, Weeks Island Field,
Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf The Meridian Resource & Exploration Company and Louisiana Onshore Properties, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing after legal notice to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relative to the L Sand, Reservoir A, Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

L SAND, RESERVOIR A

1. To dissolve the unit created by Office of Conservation Order No. 146-Q, effective September 19, 1967, and to simultaneously create a single drilling and production unit for the L Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the L RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;

2. To merge and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property

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6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the L Sand, Reservoir A.

The L Sand, Reservoir A, was previously defined in Department of Conservation Order No. 146-Q, effective September 19, 1967.

The pre-application conference relating to this matter was not requested, and consequently, will not be held. Therefore, no opposition is anticipated.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the L RA SUA in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** are a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plats in a prominent place in the area of Weeks Island Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Weeks Island Field, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Charles Smith 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 (225) 767-2240.

Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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